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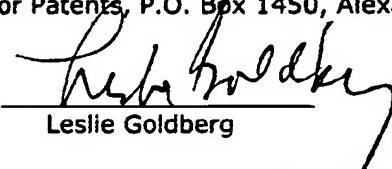
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FOR: Novel Type II Restriction Endonuclease, CstMI,
obtainable from *Corynebacterium striatum M82B* and
a Process for Producing the Same

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Amendment

In response to the Official Action mailed August 2, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6, without traverse. Applicants hereby withdraw claims 7-9 without prejudice. The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Claim 3 has been amended to include the accession number that was not available at the time of the filing of the application. Changes to the Specification appear on page 4 of this paper. The Remarks section begins on page 8 of this paper.

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REMARKS

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable consideration leading to prompt issuance of this Application is earnestly solicited.

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time and submit check in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the fees. Please charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 14-0740.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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